

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9548  
INFO AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 6218

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FOR NEA ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CFED, SA, KU, TC, US  
SUBJECT: GAO SURVEY ON AVAILABILITY AND SECURITY OF U.S. OIL SUPPLIES

REF (A) STATE 185135 (NOTAL), (B) JIDDA 4179 (NOTAL)

1. NEA/ARP PLEASE FILL US IN ON CURRENT PLANS OF GAO TEAM. WE HOPE COUNTRY DIRECTOR WILL BE ABLE TO TALK TEAM OUT OF FIVE-WEEK STAY HERE; WE FRANKLY WOULD NOT KNOW HOW TO KEEP THEM OCCUPIED DURING PERIOD IN WHICH WE WILL BE HAVING NUMEROUS OTHER OFFICIAL VISITORS. WE CONSIDER TWO OR, AT MAXIMUM, THREE-WEEK VISIT SHOULD SUFFICE.

2. PER REFTEL (B) WE WOULD INTEND TO LIMIT TEAM'S OFFICIAL CONTACTS TO AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AND HOPE GAO TEAM UNDERSTANDS THIS BEFORE DEPARTURE. OUR INTENT IN THIS IS NOT TO HINDER GAO TEAM'S WORK, BUT TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING ON PART OF SAG OFFICIALS WHICH COULD COMPLICATE OUR OWN EFFORTS TO REPORT ON OIL ISSUES. GIVEN NORMAL SAUDI SECRETIVENESS ON MATTERS OF POLICY, THEIR PARTICULAR SENSITIVITIES ON OIL SUPPLY ISSUES, AND THEIR PROBABLE SUSPICIONS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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CONGRESSIONAL MOTIVATIONS, WE DOUBT, IN ANY EVENT, IF SAG OFFICIALS WOULD BE XOPERATIVE SOURCES FOR GAO TEAM'S QUESTIONNAIRE APPROACH.

3. ARAMCO OFFICE HERE IS AWARE OF TEAM'S IMPENDING VISIT, AND IS HIGHLY UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HOLDING EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM, AN ATTITUDE WHICH WE ASSUME IS

SHARED IN DHAHRAN HEADQUARTERS.

4. AS WE EXPECT TEAM WILL WISH TO VISIT CONGEN AND  
ARAMCO, PLEASE INCLUDE DHAHRAN ON FUTURE MESSAGES. WE  
POUCHING COPIES OF REFTELS TO CONGEN.

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